

File copy

FOUNDING MEMBERS OF RIVER PARK FRIENDS

- John and Eugene Bellin
- John Bowler
- Vicki and Robert Davis
- Ronald and Greta Smith
- David Bell
- Carole Fisher
- Franklin Fisher
- Donald Lambert
- Mary Kay
- C. W. Harlowe
- Janel S. Lambert
- James Harlowe
- John T. Jones
- Gale Gurnea
- Blanche Lewis
- Francis W. McGowan
- Keith Miller
- Karlene Park
- L. Brett Pendergast
- James Rieder
- Ronny and Chris Rose
- Ala Rubey
- Anthony Taylor
- Julia F. Davis
- Robert S. Eiger

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2002
 RIVER PARK FRIENDS INC.
 P.O. BOX 731
 1311 DELAWARE AVENUE, SOUTHWEST
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20024

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN 2002

- Carol Fisher
- Margaret Fainman
- C. W. Harlowe, vice president
- Betsy Hobby, secretary
- Kelli Miller, president
- Frank Morgner
- Robert S. Eiger, treasurer

FOUNDING MEMBERS OF RIVER PARK FRIENDS

Judy and Eugene Bellin
Joyce Bouvier
Vyola and Robert Davis
Rochelle and Gerald Elliott
David Esch
Coralie Farlee
Margaret Feldman
Donald Flanders
Martin Forrester
C.W. Hargrave
Janet S. Hartnett
James Hoxeng
John F. Jones
Gale Dunn Kaufmann
Phoebe Layton
Emerson J. Melaven
Keith Melder
Nations Bank
L. Pruet Pemberton
H. James Rhodes
Rodney and Clara Ross
Idie Rudney
Arthuryne Taylor
Julia F. Vavra
Robert S. Zigler

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN 2002

Coralie Farlee
Margaret Feldman
C.W. Hargrave, vice president
Betsy Hobby, secretary
Keith Melder, president
Lenora Moragne*
Robert S. Zigler, treasurer

* commencing November 18, 2002

RIVER PARK FRIENDS

Annual Report for 2002

INTRODUCTION

Like other communities in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, our neighborhood has responded to the difficulties of this year in diverse ways. Along with many voluntary groups in Southwest Washington, River Park Friends tried to meet ongoing and new demands on its resources while preserving the stability and beauty of our surroundings and increasing opportunities for our neighbors.

River Park Friends, Inc., was organized to enhance, support, and supplement community development, educational and charitable activities in Southwest Washington. River Park Friends was incorporated in the District of Columbia on August 27, 1998, and has received a tax-exempt ruling from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c) (3) organization. Donations to River Park Friends are tax exempt for income tax purposes.

River Park Friends operates in three major areas of concern: *Community development* – promoting the physical and social environment, beauty, and public safety in our neighborhood; *Educational activities* – assisting public and private pursuits of learning through scholarships and help to educational projects; *Charitable programs* – support to agencies that offer direct help to people in need. The Friends organization helps to link individual donors and neighborhood non-profit groups that provide direct services to people.

ORGANIZATION

River Park Friends opened 2002 with the following officers and board of directors: Dr. Keith Melder, President; C. W. Hargrave, Vice President; Betsy Hobby, Secretary; Robert Zigler, Treasurer; Dr. Coralie Farley, member; and Dr. Margaret Feldman, member. Later in the year Dr. Lenora Moragne joined the Board as a second member from outside River Park Mutual Homes, attending her first Board meeting on November 18, 2002.

GRANTS MADE TO LOCAL GROUPS

Community Development River Park Friends aided the Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club (number four) by funding registration fees for a football squad of 22 members. In addition, River Park Friends provided funds for registration and uniforms to make up a Club basketball team. The Friends urged that funds be available to all young people regardless of gender, and asked that the Boys and Girls Club establish a basketball program for girls.

River Park Friends continued its regular support of The Southwester, our community newspaper, by advertising in the paper, with the secondary benefit of providing information to the community on grant requirements and urging the donation of funds.

Educational Activities River Park Friends made its annual designated contribution to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly scholarship program. The scholarship recipient for the Friends award was Ms. Eugenia Serita Norde.

The River Park Friends made a grant to the summer enrichment program of the EmmaUS Recreation Center. The program concentrated on science and mathematics and enabled Southwest youngsters to explore various educational opportunities in Washington, D.C. Funds from the Friends paid for transportation and admission tickets.

The Friends provided funding to purchase a photocopy machine for use by teachers at the Apple Early Literacy Preschool, located in our neighborhood. Its program goal is to prepare Southwest children for entry into the public school system.

Charitable Activities The River Park Friends collaborated with the Metropolitan Police Department First District Citizens Advisory Council to support the purchase of required school uniforms for needy elementary school students. An innovative designated gift allocation to the Friends provided the funds to achieve this important goal.

FUND RAISING

The River Park Friends conducted a successful fund raising campaign in fall, 2002, raising approximately five thousand dollars. The drive received a major incentive from matching-fund challenges offered by two Board members. Achieving financial support for neighborhood needs continues to be problematic, however, and appears likely to become more difficult during the current economic downturn. Even so, needs will probably increase.

SUMMARY

The River Park Friends began its operations to test the value of a community-based nonprofit fund-raising group that does not conduct or administer specific projects. Instead, the Friends organization raises money to distribute to voluntary service groups that aid our neighborhood. To date, the experiment has been successful, and River Park Friends continues to have a favorable impact on the quality of life in Southwest Washington, D.C.

The River Park Friends organization is extremely grateful for continuing support from its loyal members and supporters – both donors and the many neighborhood groups that receive Friends' grants.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year 2002

ASSETS

Bank Balance, January 1, 2002.	\$3,706.78
Income, January-December, 2002	6,100.00
Total	9,806.78

GRANTS

<u>Southwester</u> newspaper, advertising	\$ 560
Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club (Number Four)	
Football registration for 22 students	1,320
Basketball team support	1,000
Southwest Neighborhood Assembly	
Scholarship Committee.	1,000
EmmaUS Recreation Center,	
Summer Enrichment Program.	720
Apple Early Literacy Preschool	
Photocopier.	800
First District Police Citizens Advisory Council	
Required elementary school uniforms.	<u>1,500</u>
(designated restricted gift)	
Total Grants.	\$6,900.00

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

D.C. Treasurer, licenses and fees.	\$ 125
Bank Charges.	70
Supplies and postage.	120
Printing and photocopies.	180
Total Expenses	495.00
<u>TOTAL OUTLAY, 2002</u>	<u>\$7,395.00</u>
Bank Balance, December 31, 2002	\$2,411.78